Dadri-Central Secretariat D.T.C. Services

3019. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Transport Corporation has recently introduced Dadri-Central Secretariat route; and

(b) if so, the number of buses deployed on the said route and the timings of their departure from Dadri to Central Secretariat and vice versa?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two buses have been detailed on this route w.e.f. 24-11-85. The timings are as under:—

Departure Time	From	To
0730	Dadri	Central Secretariat (Delhi).
0845	Dadri	Do.
1730	Central Secretariat (Delhi)	Dadri
1835	Do.	Dadri

Bomb Scare at Taj Mahal

3020. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Statesman' of the 24th November, 1985 under the captioned "Bomb scare at Taj Mahal"; and

(b) if so, the effective steps being taken by Government to protect this monument from being damaged by the miscreants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

Statement

The following steps have been taken to ensure the safety of the monument:

(1) strengthening of police force for round the clock vigil;

(2) closing of monument to visitors at 7.30 p.m.;

(3) closing of entry of visitors to the main mausoleum after sunset;

(4) closing of entry doors leading to the upper storeys in the entire monument complex;

(5) floodlighting the dark areas of the monument complex;

(6) shifting of ticket booth and car parking outside the Taj complex;

(7) prohibition of carrying baggage, transistors cameras etc. inside the monument except ladies pursis duly checked;

(8) daily visits of the Duty Magistrate to Taj complex to attend to law and order problems on the spot;

(9) night patrolling by an armed guard; and

(10) strengthening of watch & ward staff on north side of the Taj towards the river.

Unviable Shipping Companies

3021. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to wind up eight unviable shipping companies;

(b) if so, what are the name of these companies;

(c) what is the total investment made by Government in each of these companies;

(d) how the ships owned by them are likely to be disposed of;

(e) what is the total liabilities incurred by these companies; and

(f) what are the reasons that the sickness in these shipping companies could not be detected earlier?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Pollution Affecting Railway Tracks

3022. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution has also caused problem for Indian Railways with the high tension insulators fitted along the tracks converting into conductors of electricity by the deposit of acid fumes, fine dust particles and moisture; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to tackle the problem and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. This problem is mostly observed in the vicinity of Bombay, Baroda, Delhi and Faridabad.

(b) (1) Frequent cleaning of insulators in such areas is being done to minimise OHE supply failures.

(2) Hybrid type insulators, recently developed in India and considered superior for such polluted areas are proposed to be provided on priority in such areas.

(3) Assistance of State Governments is also being taken under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981—

(a) to declare areas identified by the Railways as air pollution control areas;

(b) monitor the quality of air in such areas at regular intervals; and

(c) take legal action against such of the industries who are emitting more acid fumes of dust particles tean prescribed under the rules framed under the Act, of 1981.

Death of a Blind Student Due to Callousness of Hospital Staff

3023. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum had been submitted to the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital authorities by the Ramjas College Students' Union New Delhi, alleging that a blind youth of their college had died a few hours after he was admitted with complaints of vomitting and diardhoea, because of the indifferent treatment of the attending medical staff, and that he was not administered any intravenous fluid despite acute vomitting and diarrhoea; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been made into the circumstances of the death of the blind college student, if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The enquiry did not reveal any negligence on the part of the hospital staff.